



## What's The Buzz About?

Amerimax Home Products (AHP), a leading manufacturer of roof drainage, roof edging and flashing acquired Berger Bros Co. in the fall of 2003. Berger Bros Co. will utilize the AHP distribution facilities in Sacramento, Chicago, Dallas and Atlanta to better serve our roofing and siding wholesale distributors.

The Synergies realized between Berger Bros Co. and AHP will allow us to bring innovative new products to the market. This issue of "Berger Buzz" highlights the Gutter Shingle, Mini Snowbrake and the Hog-Nut rolled ridge vent. These new products have been thoroughly tested, meet or exceed industry standards and are available for immediate shipment.

2004 has been an amazing year with the acquisition and resulting consolidation of people, facilities and product lines. Our distributors are to be commended for their patience and perseverance during the entire process. This coupled with the metal shortages and continued price volatility has made 2004 a year to remember.

Thank you for your business.

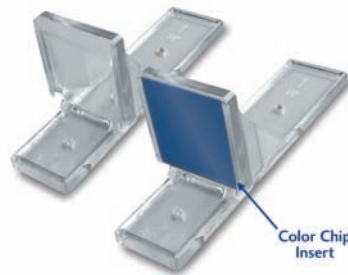
David B. Stewart  
Director of Sales and Marketing

## What's New at Berger?

**Gutter Shingle** combines the solid cover concept with the conventional design of a mesh gutter guard. It will handle any amount of rainfall while keeping leaves, pine needles, twigs and other small debris out of the gutter. Its low profile design and textured paint enables the Gutter Shingle to blend with roof shingles.



- Fits 4", 5" and 6" K-style gutter
- Available for aluminum, copper and steel
- 3' lengths for easy installation
- Stronger than other leaf guards



- Insertable color chip
- Out-of-sight appearance
- Out-of-sight performance

The **RTMINI** offers many features in a compact design. Made of premium high clarity polycarbonate that is UV stabilized for strength and longevity, the Mini is well suited for either adhesive or mechanical attachments. Snow slide protection for metal roofing has never been more affordable.

With over 120 years experience in manufacturing quality snow guards and snow rail, Berger Bros Co. offers protection for nearly any type of roofing and any type of budget.

Avoid mold and mildew growth by ventilating the attic with **Hog-Nut™** Rolled Ridge Vent. This balanced system of underlying soffit vents with a continuous ridge vent allows overheated and moisture laden air out and fresh air in. Hog-Nut offers homeowners a means of promoting safe, clean and environmentally responsible venting options for their attic.



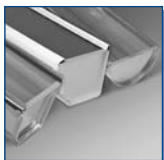
- Meets attic ventilation building codes
- Reduces mold and mildew
- UL Class A fire rating
- 40-year warranty
- Shipped 20' per box

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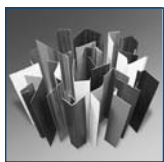


## Products in Review



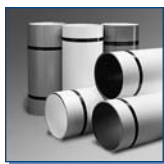
### Roof Drainage

Berger Bros offers a complete line of copper, aluminum, steel, lead-coated copper and Rheinzink® gutter and accessories. No other manufacturer offers as broad a product line.



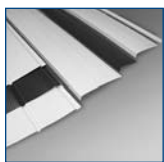
### Roof Edge

Aluminum, steel and copper edging is available in a variety of colors, profiles and gauges that meet various regional requirements. Order your roof edge literature and samples today.



### Coil Products

Trim and gutter coil is sold in multiple colors at competitive prices. Color chip samples are available for both product lines.



### Soffit, Fascia and Accessories

Soffit is offered in 10" and 15" QLOK, 12" TRAPLOK and 12" PRO LOCK along with both "J" and "F" channel. Aluminum fascia is available in several gauges and colors. 12" PRO LOCK V-Groove soffit is now available in Copper.



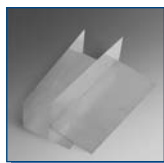
### Leaf Guards

Gutter Shingle is one of many leaf guards offered for use with aluminum, copper and steel gutters. Product is available for 4", 5" and 6" K-style as well as 5" and 6" half round gutter.



### Snow Guards

Berger offers the most complete line of snow guards for use on asphalt, metal and slate roofs in both residential and commercial applications. Snow guards prevent ice damming at the roof's edge, damage to gutters, and damage to landscaping and property below. Most importantly snow guards prevent snow and ice injuries to pedestrians.



### Flashing

Step flashing and roll valley flashing is available in copper, aluminum, and steel.



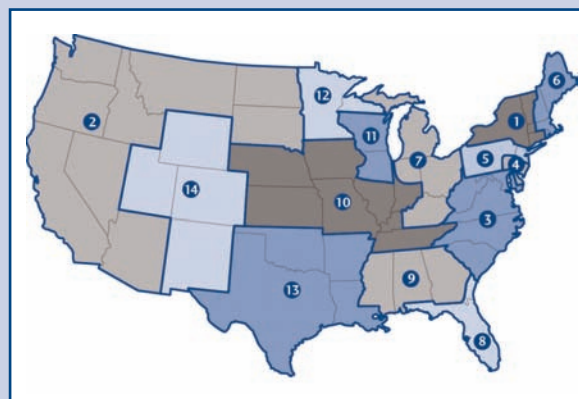
### Snow Rails

One, two and three rail systems are offered for use on residential and commercial metal or slate roof applications. Check out our web site at [www.snowbrakes.com](http://www.snowbrakes.com) or call for additional information. A technical sales representative is available to answer questions or to offer layout recommendations that are job specific (800-523-8852 ext. 114).

## Our Sales Force is Nationwide

Our sales force is eager to serve your roof drainage needs nationally with Quality, Service and Commitment!

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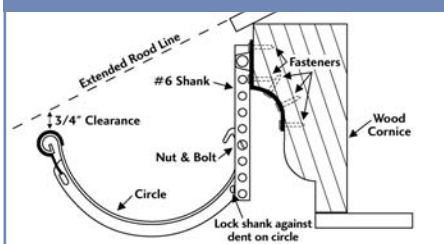


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## Did You Know? ..... by Shawn Quinn

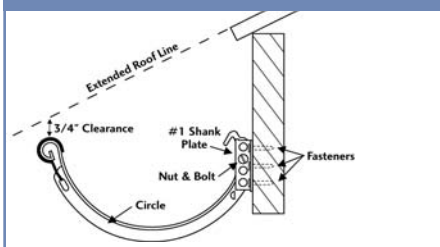
Berger Bros offers a variety of hangers for half round gutter, however each is designed for a specific use. Since this topic is among the frequently asked questions, I thought I would review this topic and include installation details.

### #6 Shank



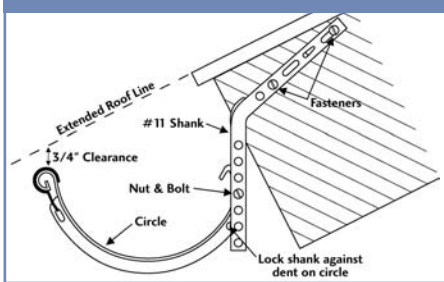
**Cornice Mounted Shank and Circle**  
Roof pitch of 8/12 or greater will require a Shank Extension.

### #1 Shank Plate



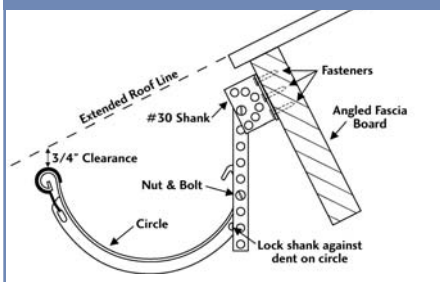
**Fascia Mounted Shank Plate**  
Steep roof pitch or small fascia board may need #10 or #30 Shank.

### #11 Shank



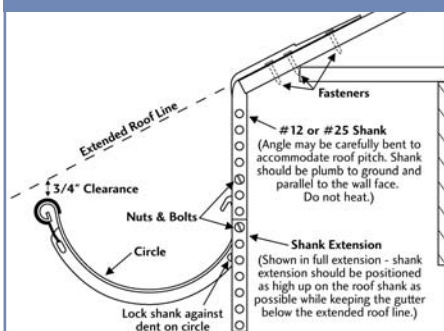
**Rafter Mounted Shank and Circle with Square Cut Rafter Tails**  
The shank should be perpendicular to the ground and parallel to the building face.

### #30 Shank



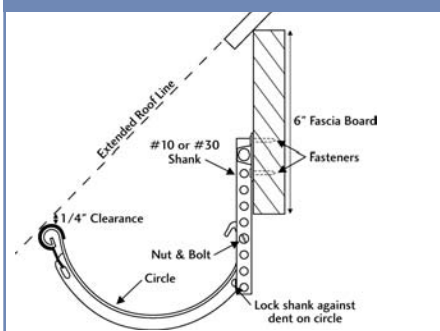
**Fascia Mount Shank and Circle with Angled Fascia Board**  
Roof pitch of 8/12 or greater will require a Shank Extension.

### #12 or #25 Shank



**Roof Mount Shank and Circle with Recessed Fascia Board**  
Roof pitch of 6/12 or greater will require a Shank Extension.

### #10 or #30 Shank



**Fascia Mounted Shank with 6" Fascia Board**  
Roof pitch of greater than 12/12 will require a Shank Extension, fascia board of less than 6" will require a Shank Extension.

## Installation Tips

by John McNichol

- Use a 3x4 downspout and outlet on 5K gutter for faster draining and less problems with clogging.
- Gutter lengths longer than 40' need to consider expansion joints.
- Rheinzink® is an environmentally friendly alternative to lead-coated copper. Lower soldering temperatures promote faster assembly.
- Always overlap gutter seams in the direction of flow.
- Clean and inspect gutters every spring and fall to assure proper operation. Use splash blocks or flexible spouting to carry water from the downspout away from the foundation.
- Water flows faster in half round gutters than in K ogee gutters.
- Clean all dirt, handmarks and flux from copper gutter and downspout with clean solvent on a fine scotch-brite pad. Applying a thin coat of boiled linseed oil will promote even weathering and uniform brown finish.
- Corners in gutters slow down the flow and accumulate debris.
- Do not mix metals in a gutter system. Water flowing over copper becomes negatively charged and will damage unprotected aluminum.
- Never install gutter hangers more than 36" apart. In cold areas subject to snow, fasten hangers 16" on center using all holes.



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## *Together we WILL find a cure!*

Dear Roofing and Siding Industry Friends:

I recently was introduced to Sam, the 6-year-old grandson of one of our sales representatives. Sam is special for many reasons, but he needs our help. He has Progeria which is a genetic disease characterized by premature and accelerated aging. The average life span of children with Progeria is 13 years.

If a cure is not found soon we may lose Sam to this rare disease.

Because Sam is one of our own we are asking that our industry friends make a small donation to the Progeria Research Foundation. This money will be used to fund more medical research grants to help find a cure in time to benefit Sam - and other children with the same disease.

Please consider making a donation and mailing it directly to the Progeria Research Foundation. Every little bit helps. Just last year the gene was found that causes the disease and the Foundation was recognized for its efforts in that breakthrough discovery... Now we need a cure. Please consider helping.

Thank you in advance for your support!

David B. Stewart

*Please contribute today!*



Sam  
Age 6

Please send your tax-deductible contributions to:  
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